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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: KATAKURA et al  
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For Storage Apparatus  
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Examiner:

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop: Amendment (No Fee)  
Commissioner For Patents  
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August 4, 2004

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested in connection with the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification;  
Amendments to the Abstract; and  
Remarks are included following the amendments.